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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

SUBJECT: Appendices to WIE-90: Soviet Bloc Capabilities
through 196-1955

1. These Appendices contain the material considered necessary to support the estimates in WIE-90 on Bloc Capabilities and in WIE-95 on Probable Bloc Courses of Action. After lengthy coordination, these Appendices were brought up at an IAC meeting several weeks ago, when it developed that all IAC members had not known that they were to be approved by IAC action (IAC-M-119, as amended by IAC-M-120). They were therefore returned for another agency representatives' meeting, at which some deletions were made. So far as we know there will be no dissents or suggested alterations of any significance.

2. You may wish to note that the paragraph on nuclear weapons (page 3-3) is a literal copy of the JAIIC estimate, except that three words — "from all sources" — have been deleted from the first line.

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